



**Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Department**

Marina del Rey Sheriff's Station

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Press Release

Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

Classification:	Off-Shore Rescue – Medical Aid	Incident Date:	May 16, 2010
Author / Date / Time:	Lt. Dan Beringer, 05-16-10, 5:00 PM	Incident Time:	1:30 PM

Incident Location:	Approximately ½ mile off Venice Pier
C/P Location:	N/A

Victim(s):	Besim Billman, M/76, Los Angeles	Suspect(s):	N/A

Narrative:

Marina del Rey Station Patrol Boat Deputies Bryan White and Matt Schwabe responded to a medical aid call, approximately ½ mile off –shore from the Venice Pier. A 76 year old male collapsed while piloting a sailboat during a regatta. They were informed the male patient was unconscious, and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) was in progress by a crew member aboard the sailboat.

Upon locating the vessel, Deputy Schwabe skillfully guided the patrol boat alongside the sailboat and Deputy White was able to board. He immediately assessed the patient's condition and determined there was no pulse. He continued CPR and using an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator), Deputy White was eventually able to restore the patient's pulse. The deputies were soon joined by LA County Fire Department Lifeguards, who had an onboard paramedic. Personnel continued to stabilize the patient while he was rushed to the dock at the Marina del Rey Sheriff's Station. They were met there fire department and ambulance personnel.

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The patient was transported to Daniel Freeman Marina Hospital, where the medical staff has listed him in "critical but stable condition." According to the medical staff, our deputies' quick actions and use of the AED device played a significant role in saving this patient's life.

Our Boat Operator Deputies are all certified Emergency Medical Technicians. This need is based on the various types of emergencies they respond to in the marina and off-shore.



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